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Assessment - please save the dates

All - I am sending this message on behalf of Phil North, who is on vacation. We were hoping to have a meeting on June 29 and 30 to get your feedback on the Bristol Bay watershed assessment but have decided to postpone for a variety of reasons, including our need to have more information to discuss, and requests from several of the group to postpone. We'll be in touch ASAP to get some dates scheduled and will follow up with sending you an agenda and materials for your consideration.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but want to make sure we make the most of this meeting and think it would be best to postpone.

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Hello all,
EPA continues to make progress on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, though slowly. The EPA Office of Research and Development, the folks who wrote the book on ecological risk assessment, is now fully engaged and has begun to apply their expertise to the Watershed Assessment. After a couple of delays we are ready to ask you to mark your calendars. We would appreciate it if you can set aside June 29 and 30 to meet with us in Anchorage to provide feed back, data and expert opinion on our watershed assessment. Before the meeting we will provide you with an outline of the assessment and the bibliography that we have compiled to date. As an introduction to the meeting we will discuss our motivations and limitations for the assessment, including what the driving statute, the Clean Water Act, directs us to do. An agenda for the meeting will be coming shortly.

We understand that summer is not the best time to arrange a technical meeting. However, to be responsive to the tribes that have requested we initiate a Clean Water Act 404(c) action, and to those that have asked us to wait, we feel that we should continue our progress. We appreciate any assistance you can offer.

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